

chaired by the Federation's immediate past president Tassos Efstratiades.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Metropolitan Evangelos on his selection as recipient of the Alexander the Great Achievement Award and thanking the Hellenic Federation of New Jersey for its continued efforts to honor the Hellenic heritage.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. PATRICK PIJLS

#### HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Mr. Patrick Pijls' acceptance into the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Program. The Fulbright Program is universally recognized as America's premier international exchange program. I am honored to represent Patrick and wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of January 7th 2014. If I were present, I would have voted on the following.

Wednesday, January 8th 2014: rollcall No. 2: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 724, "yea;" rollcall No. 3: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3527, "yea;" rollcall No. 4: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3628, "yea."

Thursday, January 9th 2014: rollcall No. 5: On Ordering the Previous Question on H.R. 2279, "no;" rollcall No. 6: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 2279, H.R. 3362, and H.R. 3811, "no;" rollcall No. 7: On Agreeing to the Amendment, "aye;" rollcall No. 8: On Agreeing to the Amendment, "aye;" rollcall No. 9: On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, "aye;" rollcall No. 10: On Passage, H.R. 2279, "no."

Friday, January 10th 2014: rollcall No. 11: On Passage, H.R. 3811, "yea."

#### HONORING ROBERTA MOCK

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and career of an outstanding educator, Roberta Mock of Greensburg.

Roberta Mock has been a teacher and administrator at Greensburg Community High School for nearly fifty years. In that time, she has helped shape the lives of countless students who have passed through her classroom. A lifelong resident of Greensburg, Roberta Mock received her bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree from Ball State University. She has also obtained an

education specialist degree in education administration from Indiana University.

At Greensburg, Ms. Mock taught a variety of subjects including English, speech, journalism, world history, social studies, economics and psychology. She also served as the high school's assistant principal and mentored students in extracurricular activities including wrestling, soccer and track. I will always be grateful for the impact Ms. Mock had on my life, when I was her student in high school. She lived her love for her students every day.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating Roberta Mock on a long career in education. As she retires from Greensburg Community High School, I have no doubt that Ms. Mock will bring the same enthusiasm, dedication and passion to the next chapter of her life.

#### RECOGNIZING MS. JOSEPHINE KAO

#### HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Ms. Josephine Kao's acceptance into the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Program. The Fulbright Program is universally recognized as America's premier international exchange program. I am honored to represent Josephine in Congress and wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO DEVANSHI UDESHI

#### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Devanshi Udesi on completing a Silver Award, the highest achievement a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. Devanshi, an eighth grader at Sartartia Middle School in Sugar Land, achieved this honor through her accomplishments in leadership, advocacy, and dedication to improving her community.

After watching an episode of the Dr. Oz show about childhood obesity, Devanshi was inspired to make a positive impact in her community. For Devanshi's Silver Award project, "Brocc N' Roll," she hosted a Nutrition Awareness Workshop at the Impact Church to bring more awareness to the issue of obesity. During the workshop, she gave a presentation to the adults on the importance of healthy eating and exercise. For attending children, she planned competitions and games to show them how fun exercise can be. In addition, Devanshi has volunteered her time at the Creative Dreams Outreach center, educating children on the importance of a balanced diet.

On behalf of all of the residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, it's an honor to recognize Devanshi's accomplishment and desire to make her community a better place. We are all proud of Devanshi Udesi.

#### HONORING ARMY CAPTAIN CLAYTON CARPENTER

#### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of my constituent, Army Captain Clayton Carpenter of Cortlandt Manor, New York, who recently lost his life during a helicopter training incident.

Captain Carpenter leaves behind a loving mother and father, and I extend my thoughts and prayers to them during this time of pain and grief.

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Captain Carpenter flew Black Hawk helicopters in both Iraq and Afghanistan. A soldier dedicated to helping children, he even took time in the midst of the Iraq conflict to take photographs of the children's book figure Flat Stanley for use in classrooms in New York.

Now, Congress must honor Captain Clayton and others who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and ensure our soldiers have the safest equipment possible for training and combat.

#### "THE PASSING OF A PRESIDENT:" IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, on November 22, 2013, my hometown of Springfield, Massachusetts held a ceremony to remember President John Fitzgerald Kennedy on the 50th anniversary of his death. What sets this ceremony apart from the many others that took place on this significant anniversary is that in 1964, Springfield established a monument with an eternal flame in our beautiful Forest Park in President Kennedy's memory. The citizens of Springfield hold President Kennedy's memory dear and gather to remember him each November 22nd since. I am proud to have participated in at least forty of these ceremonies over the years.

Following this year's event, I received a very touching letter from a long-time friend and Springfield native, Mary Ellen Long Franz. In the letter, she included a poem, which she had written in November of 1963. I found her poem to be very moving and believe it captures the emotions that millions across the country felt on that day. I want to thank Mary Ellen for this tribute to our fallen President and I submit this poem.

#### THE PASSING OF A PRESIDENT

(By: Mary Ellen Long Franz, November 1963)  
Began the somber, solemn days of horror growing.

Hollow tumult gnawing, aching, pelting . . .  
Dear God, this cannot be.

But so it was and sorrow swelled and soared  
and burst its bonds to rush cascading

The million tears of all the millions flowing.  
Endless sadness softly going.

O see, brave lady, love surrounding and enfolding,  
holding heartfelt.